

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Women Development, Child Welfare and Disabled Welfare Department –
The new Girl Child Protection Scheme launched on International
Women's Day celebrations on 8th March, 2005 – Comprehensive
guidelines – Issued.

WOMEN DEV. CHILD WELFARE AND DISABLED WELFARE (JJ.A1) DEPT.

G.O.Ms.No. 33

Dated the 18th December, 2009

Read the following.

1. G.O.Ms.No.16, WDCW&DW (JJ) Dept., dt: 05.05.2005.
2. G.O.Ms.No.21, WDCW&DW (JJ) Dept., dt: 15.07.2005.
3. G.O.Ms.No.4, WDCW&DW (JJ) Dept., dt: 21.01.2006.
4. G.O.Ms.No.11, WDCW&DW (JJ) Dept., DT: 18.04.2006.
5. Memo.No.7861/JJ/A1/2004, dt: 11.6.2008.
6. Lr.No.844/S/09, dt: 18-05-09 of Director, WD&CW Dept.,
A.P., Hyderabad.
7. G.O.Ms.No.3, WDCW&DW (JJ) Dept., DT: 20.2.2008.

ORDER:-

The following comprehensive orders are issued for implementation
of the New Girl Child Protection Scheme in supercession of orders issued
in references 1st to 5th read above.

2. The New Girl Child Protection Scheme introduced vide reference 1st
read above, is aimed at preventing gender discrimination by empowering
and protecting the rights of girl children through direct investment from
Government.

3. The Girl Child Protection Scheme enhances the status of girl child
and promotes adoption of small family norm by ensuring holistic
development of the girl child, for a bright future. The scheme aims to:-

- (i) promote enrollment and retention of the girl child in school
and to ensure her education atleast up to intermediate level.
- (ii) encourage girls to get married only after the age of 18 years.
- (iii) encourage parents to adopt family planning norm with two girl
children.
- (iv) Protect the rights of the girl child and provide social and
financial empowerment to girl child.
- (v) eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against
girls.
- (vi) strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the
girl child.
- (vii) extend a special dispensation to orphans/destitutes and
differently abled girls.

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4. **Scheme strategy**

- (i) The Department of Women Development and Child Welfare will be the nodal Department for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme. The scheme will be implemented through the Project Director, District Women and Child Development Agency/Child Development Project Officer concerned under direct supervision of the District Collector.
- (ii) The scheme will be implemented and monitored by the District Collector concerned at District Level and the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare Department at State Level in coordination with Life Insurance Corporation.
- (iii) The scheme shall be deemed to have come into operation from 01-04-2005 onwards.

5. **A. Eligibility Conditions:-**

Only those who fulfill the following conditions will be eligible for enrollment under the New Girl Child Protection Scheme:-

- (i) Families with only single girl child or only two girls shall be eligible.
- (ii) Either of the parents should have undergone family planning operation on or after 01-04-2005.
- (iii) The total annual income of the family of girl child shall have to be below Rs.20,000/- per annum for rural areas and Rs.24,000/- per annum for urban areas.
- (iv) Families having single girl from 0-3 years of age, will be given first priority.
- (v) Second priority will be for families having two girl children of whom the age of the second girl child should not be more than 3 years as on 01-04-2005.
- (vi) The age of the child on the date of application shall be the criteria for determining the eligibility of the child for the benefit under the scheme.
- (vii) Consequent to enrollment, those who fulfill conditions as prescribed shall be eligible to receive the benefits under the scheme.
- (viii) Girl child born after August, 2009 should get registered under Registration of Birth and Death Act and produce birth certificate from competent authority i.e., Village Secretary/Municipality concerned.

B. Conditions to be fulfilled by girl child/girls consequent to enrolment, to receive the benefits:-

- (i) Girl child born after August, 2009, should get immunized completely as per schedule and produce immunization certificate by Anganwadi worker/Auxiliary Nurse Midwives.
- (ii) The girl child who has been enrolled in the scheme should be admitted into the school at the age of 5 years to get the benefit of the scheme. No girl is entitled to receive maturity value if she has not completed schooling.
- (iii) The head of the Institution where the child is pursuing studies has to give certificate every year from 8th to 12th class or equivalent to the Child Development Project Officer, certifying that the child is continuing education during the academic year, to enable the girl to claim the scholarship every year.
- (iv) No girl will get final payment of incentive if she marries before 18 years of age.
- (v) She has to study intermediate (i.e.) 12th standard or equivalent to receive the final payment.
- (vi) Even if the girl fails in the 12th standard or equivalent exam, she will be eligible for final payment after completion of 20 years.
- (vii) Facility of premature payment will not be entertained at any cost.

C. Relaxation of age and formal education for Orphans, Destitutes and disabled girls :-

- (i) Orphan will mean a girl child not having both parents. Destitutes will mean girl child from a BPL family of trafficked victims or HIV/AIDS victims etc., forsaken by their family/parents and sheltered by Government or recognized Non-Governmental Organizations.
- (ii) All such destitutes or orphans or disabled girls who have not crossed 18 years as on May, 2008 will be eligible for the benefits under Girl Child Protection Scheme.
- (iii) The condition of formal education will be relaxed in respect of orphans, destitutes and differently abled girls, who are born before April, 2005. Those girls who do not pursue education beyond 8th class will naturally not be eligible for yearly education scholarships. They will only receive Rs.1 Lakh or Rs.30,000/- as applicable on completion of 20 years.

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- (iv) Therefore, all destitutes, orphans and differently abled girls born after April, 2005 shall also necessarily have to be enrolled in a school & continued upto, XII class to be eligible for the benefit under Girl Child Protection Scheme.

NOTE:-

In case of destitute or orphan child, the head of the institutions based on a medical certificate shall ensure the birth registration is completed. In case the caste is unknown, the caste of all such children shall be recorded as “**casteless**”. They shall be eligible for all benefits on par with SC’s & ST’s as per orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.34, WD, CW & DW (DW.A1) Dept., Dt:27-09-2008

D. Relaxation of Education, income, & Girl sibling conditions for severely Disabled Girls:-

The following special dispensation only to severely differently abled girls is extended:-

- (i) The girls whose disability is more than 80% shall be eligible for the benefits under Girl Child Protection Scheme provided the income of their Parents / Guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh per annum.
- (ii) In respect of severely Disabled Girls (more than 80% disability) the condition of the Girl Child being either single or two girls alone shall not apply. A Girl with one or two male siblings will also be eligible for the benefit of Girl Child Protection Scheme.
- (iii) The condition of formal education shall be relaxed in case of such severely disabled girls.

6. Entitlements under Scheme subject to conditions being fulfilled:-

- (i) In case of a single girl child she is entitled to receive Rs.1.00 lakh after completion of 20 years of age.
- (ii) In case of two girl children, both of them are entitled to receive Rs.30,000/- each, after completion of 20 years age.
- (iii) Both the “single girl child” and “two girl children” are entitled to receive Rs1,200/- per annum as scholarship from 9th class to 12th class (including ITI course) during their period of study, as a benefit under the scheme.

- (iv) The nominee of the Insured Parent-Member whilst he/she is the Insured Member under Janasree Bima Yojana, is entitled to be paid the following:-

On natural death of insured	Rs.30,000
On death or total permanent disability due to accident	Rs.75,000
On partial permanent disability due to accident	Rs.37,500

Note: The insured parent member under Janasree Bima Yojana in Girl Child Protection Scheme is father of the Girl Child and the nominee to receive the insurance benefit is mother of the Girl Child. In case father is not alive then mother name can be given as insured parent for coverage under Janasree Bima Yojana and nominee will be the Girl child and appointee as may be confirmed by Grantee or Project Director, District Women & Child Welfare Agency.

7. Procedure for enrolment, selection and sanction:-

- (i) As soon as a girl child or second girl child (there should be no other siblings) is born and either of the parents undergo sterilization, Anganwadi worker must handover application with conditions and eligibility criteria to parents/guardian concerned.
- (ii) The Anganwadi Worker in the village shall conduct survey (as per Annexure – I) and prepare the list along with applications (Annexure II/III) of sterilized couples from below poverty line having only one girl child or two-girl children.
- (iii) The Integrated Child Development Scheme Supervisors shall verify the contents of application and scrutinize the certificates and submit the consolidated list with applications and enclosures to the Child Development Project Officer concerned for cross-verification.
- (iv) In areas which do not have Anganwadies, the concerned Integrated Child Development Scheme Supervisor, shall conduct survey and send the list along with requisite certificates etc., to the Child Development Project Officer. The eligible application forms for Orphans/Disabled girls received from the concerned Head of the Institutions shall be verified by Supervisors/ Child Development Project Officer.
- (v) However, in respect of the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad, the District Collector may prescribe the modalities of application, selection/ verification so as to ensure full coverage of eligible children while ensuring transparency and accountability.
- (vi) The Divisional Level and District Level Committees are dispensed forth with. Instead the Mandal Level Committees comprising of Child Development Project Officer as Convener and Supervisors, Primary Health Centre doctor/Mandal Revenue Officer as members shall be formed to scrutinize the applications pertaining to financial year 2009-10 onwards. After verification of the applications and the final list of beneficiaries is shortlisted/approved by the Mandal level committee, the Child Development Project Officer shall forward same to the Project Directors concerned for the approval of District Collector.

- (vii) The Project Director on receipt of the approved list of Girl Child Protection Scheme beneficiaries by the Mandal Level Committee shall undertake random verification especially in habitations/pockets reporting higher enrolment. Project Director shall place the corrected list before the District Collector for approval.
- (viii) The District Collector should depute senior officials or in such manner as deemed fit, arrange for random verification to cross check the applications.
- (ix) The District Collector has the right to select or to reject for valid reasons any application, submitted by Mandal Level Selection Committee.
- (x) Based on Collectors approval and sanction proceedings and on receipt of clearance of list of beneficiaries from Life Insurance Corporation, Project Director and Child Development Project Officer shall issue certificates to the beneficiaries concerned.
- (xi) The list of sanctions shall be published on the notice board of Child Development Project Officer's and Project Director's offices every year and kept on their district and the department websites.
- (xii) Along with Girl Child Protection Scheme certificate, Annexure IV shall be given to the parents/guardian for fulfilling other conditions and furnishing the particulars thereof, starting with admission to class VIII with account No. and Bank particulars for crediting of annual scholarship amounts and other entitlements thereafter.

8. **Role of Child Development Project Officer/Project Director, District Women & Child Development Agency.**

- (a) The Child Development Project Officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme/Project Director is the nodal officer for implementing the scheme in their respective Projects/ Districts.
- (b) The Child Development Project Officer should arrange for the preliminary scrutiny of the applications, consolidate and place before Mandal Level Selection Committee.
- (c) **The Child Development Project Officer will conduct verification of a minimum of 15% of all cases. Child Development Project Officer shall however verify all cases of orphans/ destitutes and severely disabled in the field.** The Project Director and Regional Deputy Director shall verify and inspect at least 2% of the cases. They should all verify the ledgers, and contact the beneficiary and parent.
- (d) The details of death of girl and or parent concerned if any should be obtained by Child Development Project Officer's and the same submitted online to Director along with a formal report under intimation to Project Director concerned, till such time as online processing etc., is stabilised.

9. **Monitoring and Evaluation:-**

- (a) Under no circumstances shall ineligible cases be recommended and all concerned shall be held responsible for any such lapses and liable for action in accordance with law.
- (b) The Regional Deputy Directors shall take up cross verification and conduct review meetings every month to monitor progress in implementation.
- (c) At the Head Office level, the Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare Department will conduct periodic reviews with Project Directors, District Women and Child Development Agency/Regional Deputy Directors. The Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare Department shall ensure evaluation of the scheme at appropriate intervals, by engaging reputed consulting agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations or Universities etc., to also understand the impact of the scheme.
- (d) A copy of the Project/Anganwadi Centre wise list of Girl Child Project Scheme beneficiaries must be maintained in the stock file of Project Director's office duly attested by all the concerned i.e., Anganwadi Worker/ Supervisors/ Child Development Project Officer concerned.

10. **Computerization of GCPS and verification of cases under GCPS - 2005:-**

- (i) NIC, Hyderabad has prepared a software for computerized monitoring of Girl Child Protection Scheme. Accordingly, all the old cases upto 2009 shall be cross checked based on the comprehensive guidelines issued supra and an undertaking obtained from the parents/guardians as per the revised Annexure-II/III, as applicable.
- (ii) **In the course of such re-verification or at any time, if any application is found to be ineligible, the Anganwadi Worker/the supervisor shall state the same at the end of the application form in Annexure-II or III as may be applicable. Further, action to cancel the sanction of the benefit apart from recovery and prosecution wherever required shall be taken.**
- (iii) The data of all the verified eligible candidates (including old cases) shall be entered and Anganwadi Worker centre wise final list communicated to the Anganwadi Workers/Supervisors/ Child Development Project Officer's for their attestation.

- (iv) On receipt of the attested list the same shall be placed before the Mandal Level Committee for orders and the same submitted to the District Level Committee for approval and issue of computer generated certificates.

Note:- Similarly the Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare, Regional Deputy Directors and Project Directors shall monitor and pursue with banks concerned and ensure amount due to girls under old Girl Child Protection Scheme (1996-97) to 2004 are also paid to concerned. The Commissioner, Women Development and Child Welfare shall review the progress from time to time.

11. Prioritisation in processing applications:-

Depending on budget availability each year, the Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare Department shall apportion and communicate the amount available to each Child Development Project Officer and district by the month of June every year. The Child Development Project Officer depending on budget availability, process the cases on the basis of following prioritisation:-

- (i) Severely Disabled
- (ii) Poorest of Poor (landless agricultural labourers, daily wage workers, especially child of basavis, jogins, trafficked victims, victims of atrocities, rickshaw pullers, menial jobs etc.)
- (iii) Orphans
- (iv) Destitutes
- (v) Others

12. Mode of Payment of maturity amount to Orphans/Destitues.

- (i) The benefit under Girl Child Protection Scheme on completion of 20 years of age to orphans/destitues, shall be transferred/reinvested in the name of the "Girl Child" concerned only after she is appropriately counseled by the Project Director, District Women and Child Development Agency, Child Development Project Officer concerned along with an authorized and qualified counselor (specialist in child psychology).
- (ii) The counseling committee shall counsel and guide the girl child on the options available to her, taking into consideration her aptitude, academic background, her interest etc. Depending on the girl child's request after such counseling, the amount shall be accordingly invested in Govt. schemes in her name or transferred to her account.
- (iii) The Project Director shall maintain the minutes of such counseling session duly signed by all the three members and the "girl child" concerned.

13. The Annexures are being separately communicated to the Commissioner, Women Development & Child Welfare Department who shall issue detailed executive instructions including eligibility conditions, monitoring mechanism etc., to the field staff, to ensure transparency, accountability on the part of all concerned and ensure proper implementation of the scheme. The District Collector shall closely monitor the implementation at the District level.

14. The Commissioner, Women Development Child Welfare Department, Hyderabad and the District Collectors concerned are requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

15. This order issue with the concurrence of the Finance (Expr.WD, CW & DW) Department and Law Department vide their U.O.No 12406/210/Expr.WD/09, dated: 10-11-2009 and 7761/267/2009, Dated: 15-12-2009 respectively.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M. CHAYA RATAN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner,
Women Development & Child Welfare Department,
A.P. Hyderabad.

The Commissioner,
Department for the Welfare of Persons with
Disabilities and Senior Citizens, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director,
Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services & Welfare of Street Children,
Hyderabad

The Life Insurance Corporation, Hyderabad
(through: Commissioner, WD & CW Dept)

All District Collectors.

All Project Directors, (through: Commissioner, WD & CW Dept).

All Regional Deputy Directors. (through: Commissioner, WD & CW Dept).

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The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

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